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Importance: High

LCDR, I'm reaching out for an update on the current situation. Is the fire is still going and if so are there any air quality issues or complaints from the nearby Kenner or other areas. Also, please let us know if we can be of any assistance. Thxs, Roberto.

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An oil rig explosion occurred last night in Lake Pontchartrain, Kenner, LA. EPA R6 was not notified of this incident, due to the fact the incident is located within USCG jurisdiction. I requested a spot report from the NRC this morning along with the NRC report. Please see below a quick summary from D8.

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UPDATE 1 - THE CIC process was stood down.

- * The Responsible Party was identified as Clovelly Oil and Gas.
- * The platform has oil and natural gas lines; as the time of the explosion, only one gas line was opened and it was promptly secured following the explosion.
- * The oil line has a maximum potential of 100 barrels per day; the natural gas line has a maximum potential of 300 metric cubic feet per day.
- * Two 400 barrel oil tanks are on deck, one 3,500 barrel oil tank is below deck; maximum potential between the three tanks is 800 barrels of oil.
- * There is no suspected terrorist nexus related to the explosion. Those who were aboard at the time of the explosion believe the cause was related to the use of a new chemical to clear the lines.
- * The fire is still active, but decreased in intensity and the fire department is on scene monitoring.
- * A USCG Station New Orleans boat and USCG Air Station New Orleans MH-65 helicopter remain on scene in search for the remaining person, identity was confirmed.
- * SAR Mission Coordinator is conducting Next of Kin notifications.
- * This case is garnering National Level Media attention; USCG District Eight Public Affairs is releasing a press release.
- * Additional Other Government Agencies who've responded since first call:

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Kenner Police Department and Bayou Gautier Fire Department.

Very Respectfully,

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INITIAL

INCIDENT TYPE: Platform Explosion

LOCATION: Kenner, LA; 1/2 mile off shore in Lake Pontchartrain

TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: 160030Z OCT 17

TIME OF INITIAL REPORT TO USCG UNIT: 160030Z OCT 17

NAME OF USCG UNIT THAT RECEIVED INITIAL REPORT: USCG Sector New Orleans

A FOLLOW ON CIC WILL BE HELD AT: 160300Z OCT 17Z

AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

- * USCG Sector New Orleans received multiple reports from various sources about a loud explosion near Kenner, LA.
- * One resident noted, after the explosion, several life rafts were seen departing the platform 1/2 mile off shore.
- * USCG Station New Orleans launched two boats and Air Station New Orleans launched a MH-65 helicopter.
- * Seven persons were confirmed to be aboard prior the explosion; 6 were confirmed rescued and brought to medical services; 1 remains missing and the MH-65 is conducting searches.
- * The responsible party has not been confirmed; Sector New Orleans'

Incident Management Division is investigating.

- * Maximum potential of the platform can be determined once the responsible party is identified.
- * Multiple other government agencies responded, to include Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Officer (helicopter), St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LA GOHSEP).
- * Air space control is not an issue; location is near the Louis-Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

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